**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): ആ വിവരം സെൻസസ് റിപ്പോർട്ടിൽ ഉണ്ട്. അധഃകൃതക്രിസ്ത്യാനികളേക്കാൾ അധഃകൃതഹിന്ദുക്കൾ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസവിഷയത്തിൽ മുന്നണിയിൽ നിൽക്കുന്നില്ലെന്നാണ് തോന്നുന്നത്.

**MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI** (*Nominated*): ഉദ്യോഗവിഷയത്തിൽ ഈ രണ്ടുകൂട്ടരേയും താരതമ്മ്യപ്പെടുത്തിയാൽ എങ്ങിനെയിരിക്കുന്നു എന്നുപറയാമോ?

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): ആ കണക്ക് ഇപ്പോൾ എടുത്തിട്ടില്ല. ഇനി ഒരവസരത്തിൽ അതിനേപ്പറ്റി ചോദിച്ചാൽ മറുപടി പറയാം.

**MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH** (*Nominated*): അധഃകൃതക്രിസ്ത്യാനികൾക്ക് അധഃകൃതഹിന്ദുക്കളോട് ഒപ്പമുള്ള സൌജന്യങ്ങൾ ഗവണ്മെൻറിൽനിന്നും കിട്ടാതിരുന്നാൽ അവർക്ക് എങ്ങിനെ കഴിഞ്ഞുകൂടാൻ സാധിക്കുമെന്നറിയാമൊ?

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The member is expressing an opinion. He asks if the depressed class Christians are not given the same concessions as the depressed class Hindus, how the depressed class Christians can get on.

**PRESIDENT**: It is a hypothetical question.

**MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum—Rural*) May I know why Government persisted in classifying certain depressed class Christians separately in spite of objections from them?

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The present classification of Christians was made at the request of the Christians themselves. The depressed class Christians themselves represented to Government that they should be treated as a separate class, and Government have done so.

*Means of communication in the Nedumangad taluk.*

26. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that there is absence of sufficient means of communication in the Nedumangad taluk;

(*b*) whether they are aware that there is an influx and high increase of population in the Nedumangad taluk between the time of the former census and the recent census

(*c*) the area of the taluk and its population according to the old census and the recent census;

(*d*) since 20 years how many miles of new cartable roads were constructed in the Nedumangad taluk and what they are and what is the extent of each such road;

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(*e*) whether they are aware that the taluk is mainly an agricultural one ; and

(*f*) whether they are aware that 90 per cent. of criminal cases occur in the taluk due to the absence of sufficient means of communication ?

**MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT** (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) No. The taluk has sufficient means of communication.

(*b*) There is an increase of population.

| | | | Area in sq. Miles. | Population. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (*c*) | 1921 | ... | 336·04 | 1,12,111 |
| | 1931 | ... | 366·02 | 1,57,312 |

| | | Miles |
|---|---|---|
| (*d*) | Vamanapuram-Chittar road ... | 12¼ |
| | Nedumangad-Aruvikara road .. | 2¾ |
| | Aruvikara-Vellanad road ... | 2¾ |
| | Road from 21st mile Trivandrum-Ponmudi road to Valivankad estate ... | 1¼ |
| | Road from Thannimoodu to Government Silk Farm at Vattapalli ... | 1 |
| | | 20 |

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) This is only a matter of opinion.

**MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : With reference to part (*d*), may I know from Government whether the Vamanapuram-Chittar road is not an incom plete road ?

**MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT** (*Chief Engineer*) : I do not know.

**MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from Government when the work on the Vamanapuram-Chittar road was done ?

**MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT** (*Chief Engineer*) : I have not got the information now.

**MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from Government whether there are representations to the Chief Engineer as well as to the Government to the effect that the work is left incomplete and that it should be completed as early as possible ?

**MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT** (*Chief Engineer*) : I have no information.

**MR. S J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from Government whether the Nedumangad-Aruvikkara road, with a length of two and three-fourth miles, is in existence now ?

**MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT** (*Chief Engineer*) : It is called as such in the P. W. D. records.

**MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : May I know when it was constructed ?

**MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT** (*Chief Engineer*) : I claim notice.

**MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : May I know the amount of maintenance allotted for that road ?

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MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I claim notice for that too.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from Government whether the road from Thannimoodu to Government Silk Farm at Vattapalli is left incomplete?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I claim notice.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know when one mile of that road was completed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I claim notice.

*Departmental Buildings.*

27. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that the estimates prepared and submitted by the P. W. D. for the construction of school buildings, court houses and hospitals in mofussils are too high and they would result in the waste of public funds; and

(*b*) whether they are aware that inordinate delay and indifference are being shown by the P. W. D. in the matter of submitting estimates for the construction of departmental buildings?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) and (*b*) No.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With reference to part (*a*), may I know from the member whether any estimate has been submitted about the construction of a girls' school at Nedumangad by the P. W. D.?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I am afraid, Sir, this does not really come under the original question. In any case I have to ask for notice.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I wish to draw the attention of the Chair. It is not the business of the member to say that my supplementary question does not come under the original interpellation.

PRESIDENT: The Chief Engineer can draw the attention of the Chair.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): My question is whether the Government are aware that the estimates prepared and submitted by the P. W. D. for the construction of school buildings, court houses and hospitals are too high and they would result in the waste of public funds. I am asking Government now whether they can tell me the amount of the estimate that was prepared for the construction of the girls' school at Nedumangad.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): Is any supplementary question in order since the member says he claims notice?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): On a point of order—

PRESIDENT: It is not a point of order at all. A question was asked. On behalf of Government the member asked me whether the question came technically under the original question. And then the member said he wanted notice.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Under the rules the member is not entitled to claim notice. He ought to have been prepared with the answer.

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